

# Science Coordination Group Update

**Task Force Meeting**

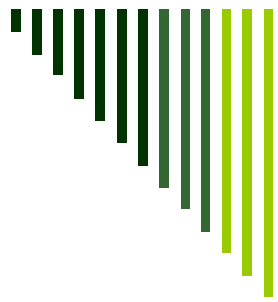
**February 15 – 16, 2005**

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# Last Task Force Update

- ❑ Reviewed and Approved Phase I of the Plan for Coordinating Science
- ❑ Presented SCG approach for developing system-wide indicators
- ❑ Presented a Work Plan summary for completing Phase II of the Plan
  - ❑ Quality Assurance, Data Sharing, Progress Tracking
  - ❑ Conceptual Ecological Model Needs, Gaps and Actions



# Status of System-wide Indicators

- ☐ Completing guidelines for selection of indicators
  - ☐ Developing indicators from existing sources
    - ☐ CEM's', CERP Interim Goals, CERP MAP, etc.
  - ☐ Selecting indicators as "Vital Signs"
    - ☐ Using Roseate Spoonbill as test case
  - ☐ Presentation to full SCG March 2, 2005
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# Status of Plan to Coordinate Science Phase II

- ❑ Quality assurance, data sharing and progress tracking
    - ❑ Phase II will include sections for each discipline
    - ❑ First draft of these three sections expected **Fall 2005**
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# Plan to Coordinate Science Phase II

## ☐ **Conceptual Ecological Model NEEDS, GAPS and ACTIONS**

- ☐ Coordinating workshops with RECOVER to develop Needs, Gaps and Actions for the remaining CEM's

- ☐ Everglades Ridge and Slough, Southern Marl Prairies, Big Cypress Regional Ecosystem/Caloosahatchee estuaries, Biscayne Bay, Everglades mangrove estuaries, Lake Worth Lagoon, St. Lucie estuaries, Indian River Lagoon, Lake Okeechobee

- ☐ First Draft expected Spring of 2006, to also include sections on Quality Assurance, Data Sharing, and Progress Tracking

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# NEXT STEPS

- ☐ Guidelines and steps for selecting indicators will be presented for SCG approval on March 2, 2005
  - ☐ SCG/RECOVER sub-groups will establish joint meeting schedule to review CEM's
  - ☐ Independent Scientific Review (part of Quality Assurance Section) options will be developed:
    - ☐ System-wide Indicators
    - ☐ Phase I of the Plan to Coordinate Science
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